

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING JOHN R. MILLER, HOUSE LAW REVISION COUNSEL, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

## HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2004

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to congratulate and thank Law Revision Counsel John R. Miller for his 28 years of service to the House of Representatives upon his retirement on May 3, 2004. During his time as Assistant Counsel, Deputy Counsel, and Law Revision Counsel, John's dedication, professionalism, and expertise have served the House well, and his important contributions will be missed. Overall John has given 33 years of service to the Federal Government, and I know he looks forward to a well-deserved retirement.

As the director of the Law Revision Counsel staff, John has been responsible for significantly improving the procedures for preparing and publishing the U.S. Code and for making the office self-reliant, a goal which goes back to 1975. Under John's leadership, the Office no longer requires outside assistance to produce the Code, and the staff continues to improve its efficiency. For almost three decades, John has played a pivotal role in meeting the mandate of the Office to accurately reflect the intent of Congress in consolidating and codifying Public Laws. While John will shortly no longer show up for work each day, we will remember his strong legacy. The House is a better and stronger institution because of the efforts of John Miller. We wish him all the best in retirement.

THANKING JOHN R. MILLER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

## HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to join my colleagues in honoring a true public servant, John R. Miller, as he begins the retirement he so richly deserves. For the past 28 years, John has belonged to that small but essential group of dedicated, nonpartisan professionals who quietly ensure that the House of Representatives functions smoothly and serves the people of the United States.

John has served as Assistant Counsel, Deputy Counsel, and, for the past eight years, as the Law Revision Counsel. The Law Revision Counsel supervises a staff of 12 attorneys who, along with several editors, administrative aides, and technical specialists, are charged with preparing and publishing the United States Code. The Code is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States. It is

indispensable to legislators, lawyers, and anyone with an interest in the rule of law. Under the superb leadership of John Miller, the office has rightfully earned a reputation for excellence.

John's lifetime of service to our country should be a source of pride to him and his family. On behalf of the House Democratic Caucus, it is my pleasure to commend and thank John for his great career in the House of Representatives and to wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOHN R. MILLER

## HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2004

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, John R. Miller is retiring on May 3, 2004, after 32 years of service working for the Federal government. He began his career in the Legislative Branch working on the staff of Representative William McCulloch of Ohio. Later, John became an attorney-advisor in the Office of General Counsel at General Accounting Office and worked there for 3 years. In 1975, when the Office of the Law Revision Counsel was established as an independent office in the House of Representatives, John was one of the first assistant counsels appointed. In 1994, John was promoted to Deputy Law Revision Counsel, and in 1996, he was appointed by Speaker Newt Gingrich as the Law Revision Counsel.

Throughout his 28 years with the Office of the Law Revision Counsel, John has played an integral role in the development and evolution of the Office. During his tenure as Law Revision Counsel, he has initiated and overseen a significant modernization and upgrading of the procedures and technology used to prepare the Code, thereby improving efficiency and accuracy.

Mr. Speaker, John has set high standards for the work of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel. His unwavering commitment to excellence has been instrumental in making the Code as accurate and reliable as possible. He will be missed.

IN HONOR OF NANCY PIPER

## HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2004

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, we all know that this body could not function without the able assistance of our staff members. I wanted to bring to the attention of the House that the Small Business Committee will soon lose to retirement the services of the Chief Clerk,

Nancy Piper. Nancy will officially retire tomorrow on April 30, 2004 after over 28 years of unselfish, dedicated public service to Congress in various capacities—both in the minority and in the majority—to five Republican leaders of the House Small Business Committee. Nancy graduated from Sweet Briar College in Virginia and has a Legal Assistant Degree from George Washington University.

Nancy began her career on Capitol Hill in the Nation's bicentennial year of 1976 working for her Congressman, Jack Wydler, from Garden City on Long Island, New York. At that time there were only 145 Republicans in the House of Representatives. Starting in 1983, she began working for the Small Business Committee for the then ranking minority Member Joseph McDade in Pennsylvania. Since then, Nancy worked for four other Republican leaders of the House Small Business Committee, including Andy Ireland of Florida, Jan Meyers of Kansas, and Jim Talent of Missouri. She has certainly seen a lot of changes over the years on how Capitol Hill operates, including the pivotal year of 1994, when her role dramatically changed to a majority staff person.

Nancy is one of the many unsung staff members of the Small Business Committee that makes sure many of the administrative functions of the committee run smoothly. Without her service and her institutional memory, the committee simply could not function. Nancy makes sure that everything associated with a committee hearing or a bill markup proceeds without a hitch.

Mr. Speaker, Members who serve on the Small Business Committee or who have once served on the committee all experienced Nancy's professionalism and pleasant demeanor. While they will miss her, I know that they will want to join me in wishing Nancy all the best as she leaves the frantic pace of Capitol Hill to enjoy her well-deserved retirement. My wife, Freda, and I express to Nancy Piper our very fondest personal wishes to her and her husband, Chris, and her two daughters, Kate and Elizabeth, as she embarks on her new journey in life.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA COMMUNITY

## HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I rise to recognize an outstanding member of the northwest Indiana community, Ms. Agnes Lynch. This incredible woman has been a life force for countless students and for her family. Her presence in our community has touched the lives of thousands and helped many become the leaders of today.

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Ms. Agnes (Ott) Lynch earned her B.A. in English

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